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An appliqué for the skin that includes an elastically deformable woven fabric having an impermeate, tacky gel coating on one side thereof. The fabric is preferably woven from a thread comprising an elastic polyester or polyether fiber such as SPANDEX®. The gel coating, which is applied to one side of the fabric, is preferably silicone gel. The appliqué may be used as a wound dressing.